



## OMBUDSMEN'S CORNER

Hello OA families! We have had some exciting developments over the last month. We now have a new CO-OMBUDSMAN. Mrs. Kimberly Sugg has taken Mrs. Coccimiglio place. If your last name begins with A-M, Mrs. Sugg will be you're appointed OMBUDSMAN. We are both very eager to get to work for you, our families! In addition, the FRG Board has been established and they are up and running! Check out page 2 of the newsletter for their upcoming events.

We would like to remind all of our sailors and their spouses to please email us with your current contact information. Without this information readily available, it can slow down the time it would take for us to respond to emergencies. It may also hinder us from updating you with pertinent OA news.

With deployment quickly approaching we would like to remind you to have your power of attorney, military ID card, base decals, and medical and dental insurances up to date and not due to expire. Also if you don't already have one, please consider obtaining a living will. These forms while emotionally hard to create are very important to have on file. If you need assistance with any of these documents please contact your appointed OMBUDSMAN.

Finally, as you all know it is tax season. If you need assistance filing your 2009 taxes, military families located near an installation can receive free tax return preparation assistance from their local tax center. Contact your local installation for appointment times and hours of operation. Military OneSource provides free online tax filing services (both state and federal) and free telephone tax consultations. To access this free service, go to: [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) Service members and retirees can

access their 2009 W-2 and 1099 statements online via the MyPay website at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>.

Sincerely,  
Amy & Kim

## Ship News

**Please read the note below from the Commanding Officer!**

"Hello to the entire OSCAR AUSTIN Family! As you all know, we recently completed a very challenging underway with the HARRY S. TRUMAN Carrier Strike Group. The crew performed outstanding throughout, no matter what tasking was thrown their way.

Whether due to equipment problems, disaster relief operations, or tactical considerations, there will be occasions when the crew and the families are unable to communicate. OSCAR AUSTIN families need to recognize this, and be prepared to work through it. For my part, I will work to the limits of my ability (what I'm allowed to say) and capability (what equipment I have to say it with) to provide OSCAR AUSTIN's Ombudsmen, Amy and Kim, with relevant and current information.

As deployment approaches, please remember that your Sailors need your support to succeed. Our family readiness and our combat readiness are strongly linked. Thank you all for the support you are showing to the crew of the OSCAR AUSTIN! HONOR and SACRIFICE!"

CDR Jeff Hoppe  
Commanding Officer



# NEWS & INFORMATION



## Happenings around town

### Harry Connick Jr. and Orchestra

Over the past two decades, Harry Connick, Jr. has taken a very hands-on approach to his recording career. Whether performing the American Songbook or in the jazz, blues or funk idiom, the process has yielded consistent success, not to mention worldwide sales of over 25 million discs.

For *Your Songs*, his newest collection on Columbia Records, Connick expands his vision to encompass 14 classic popular songs; his instrumental pallet through a striking integration of a string orchestra and his swinging Big Band; and his basic approach to recording. Clive Davis, the legendary producer and Chief Creative Officer of Sony Music Entertainment, is the driving force behind the change.

The songs that Connick and Davis selected include some of the best known work of singer/songwriters Billy Joel ("Just the Way You Are"), Lennon-McCartney ("And I Love Her") and Elton John ("Your Song"), as well as classics made immortal by the likes of Nat Cole ("Mona Lisa"), Frank Sinatra ("All the Way") and Elvis Presley ("Can't Help Falling in Love with You"). "Bésame Mucho," sung in both Spanish and English, is a long-time favorite of Connick's father, while "Some Enchanted Evening" was included after Connick heard it performed in the current revival of *South Pacific*. Regardless of the source, however, Connick approached each title with his usual musicality and interpretive strength.

Davis also suggested that Connick orchestrate the album, rather than turning arranging chores over to someone else. It was a wise decision, as Connick displays a unique and subtle manner of balancing the sensitivity of strings and the punch of his big band. "It's a more spacious approach, with the orchestra in service to the singing; and it was a kick to sing over those charts."

Connick's vocals are also in service to the songs, as are the contributions of his featured guests Branford Marsalis ("All the Way"), Wynton Marsalis ("Can't Help Falling in Love with You" and "Who Can I Turn To (When Nobody Needs Me)") and Bryan Sutton ("Can't Help Falling in Love with You" and "And I Love You So). "As a singer, I'm pretty straight with the melodies, and when the soloists asked me what I wanted them to do, I explained that this record is supposed to be straight. Playing a melody straight can be deceptively hard. On this record, as a pianist, there were times when I would go to play my part with the tape rolling and hardly play anything, because it was all already there."

What was already there, of course, was a collection of timeless songs, collaboration with a legendary producer, and the unprecedented talent that is Harry Connick, Jr., monumental parts that together have created the even greater whole that is *Your Songs*.

Don't miss your chance to see **Harry Connick Jr.** at the **Sandler Center for the Performing Arts** on **Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets start at \$50, plus applicable service charges. The Sandler Center is located at 201 Market Street, Town Center of Virginia Beach

### FFSC (Fleet and Family Support Centers)

Since 1979, Fleet and Family Support Centers' professional staffs have been providing information and referral, education and training, counseling and advocacy to facilitate personal self-sufficiency and command readiness. They serve more than 279,000 active-duty and retired military and their family members. We encourage you to contact your FFSC for great information on Deployment Readiness!

Naval Station Norfolk - 757-444-2102  
JEB Little Creek/Fort Story - 757-462-7563  
NAS Oceana - 757-433-2912  
Dam Neck Annex - 757-433-2912  
NSA Northwest Annex - 757-421-8770  
NWS Yorktown - 757-887-4606  
Newport News - 757-688-6289

After hours: 757-444-NAVY or 1-800-FSC-LINE (372-5463)

## FRG Information

As many of you know, the FRG has been on an extended break. They are back and in full swing! The FRG Board Members are as follows:

President: Patty Willis, Vice President: Diana Sinsel, Treasurer: Molly Schemel, and Secretary: Veronica Goff.

They have scheduled a meeting for Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 5pm at the NOB base chapel (just inside gate 2).

They are planning to hold one informative meeting each month as well as one social event per month that will be family friendly. The FRG plan to have guest speakers at the meetings, who will provide information on issues specific to our family's special needs. Some things they plan to address are Tricare and United Concordia, internet and other security issues, USO programs and services, Military One Source, Fleet and Family Support Center and may other programs that have been put in place to assist military families. We would LOVE to have input from the OA Families. The best way to get your ideas and needs heard and addressed is to come to the meetings. In addition, we now have a secure FRG yahoo group page where you can take part in polls, have access to meeting info and forums to make comments and post ideas. Everyone on our email list will receive an invitation to the group soon. If you do not believe you are on our list and would like to be, please give us your contact info and you will be added as soon as possible.

Also at the meetings, the FRG will be working on organizing the half way dinner and homecoming. They will be looking for volunteers for committees, so please if you have extra time and would like to help they would love to have you! The FRG board is very excited to get started again, and are looking forward to this meeting. Hope to see all of your faces on the 13<sup>th</sup>.



# Calendar of Events for February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 OA FRG meeting @ 5pm
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
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## Valentine's Day Word Search

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candy  
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hugs  
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